

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The undersigned greatly appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiners Justin Larson and Jes Pascua during the personal interview with the applicant, Mr. Lee Mantis, at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 18, 2006. Applicant presented a proposed amendment for discussion during the interview, and noted various distinguishing features of the present invention verses that disclosed in the prior art. Specifically, Applicant discussed the separate strap used for detachably securing the organizer panel to the vehicle sun visor, and the structural differences between the organizer panel and the cylindrical carrier described in Stewart.

Claims 1-20 in the case are pending. Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Golenz in view of Stewart. Claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Golenz and Stewart, as previously applied, and Harbison in further view of Godshaw.

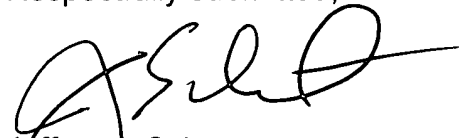
As correctly noted by the examiner, Claims 12, 17, and 18 are written (at least in part) in "means plus function" form. Specifically, base Claim 12 recites *means for carrying objects*. Dependant Claims 13, 14, and 19 properly define the means for carrying objects according to different embodiments of the invention.

Base Claim 12 is amended herein as discussed during the interview to recite the *combination* organizer panel and vehicle sun visor, to further clarify the *detachability* of the organizer panel from the sun visor, and to further define the *planar structure* of the panel surfaces. Applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed combination is neither disclosed, taught or suggested in the prior art of record; namely, Golenz and Stewart.

Golenz discloses an organizer panel for a vehicle sun visor, but does not indicate the use of at least one separate strap for removably attaching the panel to the visor. Stewart discloses a flexible strap intended to be wrapped around the visor, and including means for removably attaching a *cylindrical carrier* designed for holding a canned product. Presumably, the cylindrical carrier of Stewart when attached would reside adjacent one of either major surfaces of the sun visor. The structure of the present organizer panel is distinct from the cylindrical carrier in Stewart in that the organizer panel has opposing planar inside and outside major panel surfaces. The planar structure of the panel surfaces (as illustrated in the drawings) allows the combination panel and visor to reside substantially flat against the ceiling of the vehicle when raised, and substantially flat against the front windshield when lowered. As such, the removably attached organizer panel does not interfere with or otherwise compromise the normal intended usage of the sun visor.

For all these reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that base Claim 12 and its dependant Claim 13-20 are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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